

REMARKS

The Applicant has filed the present Response in reply to the outstanding Official Action of October 26, 2004, and the Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for reasons set forth below in greater detail.

At the onset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 2, 3, and 5 have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 2 has been amended incorporating the subject matter of rejected Claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended incorporating the subjected matter of Claims 1 and 4. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to depend from Claim 2 instead of Claim 1. No new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendments.

The Applicant would also like to note that the Applicant is submitting herewith a substitute abstract. The abstract is now less than 150 words in compliance with MPEP § 608.01(b). Additionally, the title “abstract” has been corrected which was solely an editorial correction.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-8 are patentability distinct from the cited references and are in patentable form.

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned, Applicant's attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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